(b) The villages electrified in the last three years in Bihar with the funds provided by Rural Electrification Corporation are as follows:

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in lakhs)	Villages electrified
1984-85	1788	611 Nos.
1985-86	2516	2117 Nos.
1986-87	4117 (Tentative)	3200 Nos. (Prov).

(c) The targets fixed by the Planning Commission during the Sixth & Seventh Plans were to electrify 16550 and 16000 villages respectively.

(d) During the Sixth Plan period, against a target of 16550 villages, 13952 villages were electrified. The reasons for the shortfall in the achievement of targets are inadequate power supply and shortage of certain construction materials and inadequate sub-transmission system.

Forest based paper industry

*80. SHRI V. RAMANATHAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for expanding the forest based paper industry in the country; and

(b) if so, whether Central Government have studied the suggestion of the Tamil Nadu Government for better use of bagasse as a good raw material for paper?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) There is at present an overall shortage of forest raw materials in the country for various end-uses including manufacture of paper and paper board. Having regard to the present state of foreses in the country and the need to conserve the scarce forest resources, setting up of additional capacity for paper and paper board based on forest raw materials is considered only if assured availability of such raw materials on sustained basis is established beyond doubt.

However, in order to enable the paper industry to meet its raw material requirements, the procedure for import of wood pulp, chips and logs etc. has been liberalised. Encouragement is also given by way of excise concessions for use of non-conventional raw materials, such as, agricultural residues, waste paper etc. Full excise exemption has been granted in respect of writing, printing and kraft paper containing not less than 75 per cent by weight of pulp made from bagasse.

No specific suggestion has been received from the Government of Tamil Nadu with regard to the use of bagasse as a raw material for manufacture of paper and paper board.

Market prices of Different Brands of Medicines

249. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Miinster of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative market prices of different brands of the following medicines (1) Diajipam 5mg; (2) Lopramide 2mg and (3) Chlorodiaji pokcide 10 mg;

(b) which are the other medicines, in the prices of whose different brands, there is a difference of 100 per cent or more; and

(c) whether it has been found that costlier medicines are more useful and if not, what steps have been taken by Government to protect the interests of poor patients?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) The required information to the extent available is given in the attached statement. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) The prices of various brands of price controlled medicines are regulated as per provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Name of the brands.	Pack Size	Name of the Co.	Retail Price
1	DIAZIPAM 5mg.	1. Valium	10's	Roche	2.99
		2. Duodil	10's	Duphin	3.83
		3. Tancodep	10's	Torrent	4.10
		4. Calmod	10's	IDPL	1.03
		5. Calmpose	10's	Ranbaxy	2.99
2	LOPRAMIDE 2mg.	1. Diarlop	10's	Jagsonpal	5.06
		2. Imosec	4's	Ethnor	4.62
		3. Lopestal	10's	Sarabhai	2.19
		4. Lorko	4's	Raptakos	3.21
		5. Pelopem	4's	Mercury	2.10
3	CHLORODIASI POKCIDE 10mg.	1. Equilibium	10's	Jagsonpal	2.15
		2. Librium	10's	Roche	3 07

Expansion Programme of BHEL

250. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the expansion programme of BHEL during 1987;

(b) what is the profits earned by the BHEL during 1986-87;

(c) whether there is any proposal to start new establishment of BHEL in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) BHEL has no programme to establish any new unit during 1987-88. However, it has planned to invest Rs. 78 crores in 1987-88 in on-going, renewal & replacement, science and technology and township & welfare schemes.

(b) The pre-tax profit earned by BHEL during 1986-87 is Rs. 157 crores (provisional).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.